



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

During the past week there were a reported 7 days suitable for field work. Warm temperatures were consistent through the state except in **Weber**, **Cache** and **Box Elder** counties had cold temperatures and frost early in the week. Dryland crops and pastures are continuing to struggle from lack of moisture and producers are beginning to use dryland hay as pasture.

Field Crop Summary

In **Box Elder County** farmers continued to cultivate and prepare for the first irrigation of corn fields. Frost damage that occurred last Sunday morning was showing up in fields. Fields in the Penrose area were damaged more severely and some producers are concerned that the crops won't recover. Frost may have caused moderate damage on wheat fields but the damage is less apparent. Producers in the west part of the county, without wells or reservoir storage, report that they are mostly out of irrigation water. Farmers with irrigation water continue to water alfalfa and other crops. First cutting of alfalfa and other hay is complete and second crop is coming along. Some producers have reported weevil to be a problem in their hay. **Cache County** growers are also concerned about frost damage in small grains from two cold nights. Alfalfa weevil are a problem where not treated as well as grasshoppers. Dry weather has allowed for farmers to harvest a lot of hay. Irrigated corn is doing well and most irrigation companies have adequate water, though there are concerns of running short within a few weeks. **Weber County** has some corn with frost damage. In **Sevier County** water supplies are becoming depleted in many small drainages and irrigation systems while those with access to water from reservoirs still have good flow.

Livestock Summary

The drought continues to impact pasture in **Box Elder County**. Most of the non irrigated pasture is burned up in the county and livestock producers are worried about feed prospects this fall. **Cache County's** feed supply on rangelands and on non-irrigated pastures is dwindling quickly, where feed is available, cattle and sheep are doing fine. In **Duchesne County**, more pastures and rangelands continue to decline in edible feed while some grass hay fields may not have sufficient stands for cutting and baling and may only be suitable for grazing.

Crop Progress for Week Ending June 17, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Barley Headed Stage	81	54	22	49
Oats Headed Stage	45	25	1	25
Spring Wheat Headed	59	54	7	29
Winter Wheat Headed	92	84	65	76
Alfalfa First Cutting	84	66	46	57
Other Hay Cut	53	41	27	27
Apricots Harvested	12	NA	NA	NA
Sweet Cherries Harvested	27	NA	NA	NA

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending June 17, 2012

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	6	29	33	31	1
Spring Wheat	0	9	30	46	15
Winter Wheat	5	20	26	37	12
Barley	0	1	18	56	25
Oats	0	1	21	69	9
Corn	0	6	25	53	16
Sheep	0	0	15	55	30
Cattle/calves	0	0	18	60	22

Livestock Percent for Week Ending June 17, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cattle Moved to Summer Range	87	72	76	81
Sheep Moved to Summer Range	96	75	60	78

Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 17, 2012

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	17	38	45	0
Subsoil	7	44	49	0
Irrigation water supplies	13	24	63	0
Stock water supplies	10	21	69	0

Crop Development for Week Ending June 17, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches
Corn Height	14	9	7	NA